

House Resolution 2160

By: Representative Reece of the 27<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November, 2006, as Prematurity Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, premature birth is the number one killer of newborns in America; and

3 WHEREAS, nearly half a million babies are born prematurely every year, including more  
4 than 13 percent of all births (1 in 8 births) in Georgia, and the number is rising; and

5 WHEREAS, premature birth takes an enormous toll on families and costs society billions of  
6 dollars every year; and

7 WHEREAS, most people are unaware of this common, serious, and costly problem; and

8 WHEREAS, during November, landmarks across the country will be lit pink and blue to raise  
9 awareness and to symbolize hope for premature babies and their parents; and

10 WHEREAS, the March of Dimes is leading a national effort to save babies from premature  
11 birth by funding research to find the causes of prematurity and by supporting local programs  
12 that offer hope and help to families with a baby in intensive care.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
14 the members of this body join in recognizing November, 2006, as Prematurity Awareness  
15 Month.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
17 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Chapter of the  
18 March of Dimes.